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SENATOR FRIST WELCOMES THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC CLERGY

Senator Frist welcomed over 150 Hispanic Pastors and parishioners from New York City at a briefing in the Senate Dirksen Building on September 8th. The New York Association of Hispanic Clergy were led to Washington, D.C. by Democratic New York State Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr. The Association specifically came to Washington to support the confirmation of John Roberts. At the briefing Senator Frist stated that, "full Senate floor debate will begin no later than the week of September 26th. And as Majority Leader I assure you, I am committed to a fair up or down vote on Chief Justice Roberts no later than September 30th." State Senator Ruben Diaz stated, "Senator I want to apologize to you, we let you down by not speaking out when Miguel Estrada was nominated to court, this time we will speak out and make our voices heard on Judge Roberts, we need him confirmed." The organization also held a press conference in front of the Russell Senate Office Building earlier that afternoon.

IN THE NEWS

PASSING OF CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST

NASHVILLE – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN) made the following statement after learning of the passing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist:

"For over three decades, Chief Justice William Rehnquist served our nation with distinction on the Supreme Court of the United States. As chief justice, he led the court with respect for his colleagues, the Constitution, and the law. I enjoyed working with the chief justice as a fellow board member of the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents. He was an inspiration to me to be mindful of our duty to history and our place in preserving the strength of this great nation we serve.

"America should join together to honor Chief Justice Rehnquist's lifetime of service to the law and our nation. The imprint of his gavel has been deep. Its impact has been profound. Now it is cemented forever in our history. He leaves behind a legacy as one of the most influential chief justices in our nation's history. Karyn and I mourn his loss.

"As we take in this large loss, I will consult with Chairman Specter on how to move forward pending judiciary committee business."

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WEEKLY NEWS

FRIST PRAISES SENATE PASSAGE OF PASSAGE OF KATRINA AID PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) made the following statement, Thursday, September 8th:

"Tonight's passage of nearly \$52 billion in aid reflects Congress and the president's solemn understanding that every relief effort now underway - every search and rescue operation, all of the emergency food, shelter and medical care - must be fully supported in the weeks and months to come in order help displaced gulf coast residents get back on their feet. Building off last week's \$10.5 billion emergency package, this financial support complements the efforts of the tens of thousands of volunteers, relief workers, law enforcement and military personnel who are working around the clock to care for the sick, protect the defenseless and empower those who must now pick up the pieces and begin anew.

"Having been on the ground and witnessed the pervasive devastation, sickening conditions and profound loss of life, I understand how vital it is that the federal government act quickly and decisively to protect its citizens. In the coming days and weeks, we will take up further legislation that streamlines the system and gets help quickly and efficiently to the people who need it most. With our continued support, the Gulf Coast will recover and rebuild, and emerge more modern and prosperous than before. Though it's a massive effort that will demand all of our strength and determination, this is America. And in America, no challenge is too great."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Judge Roberts Hearing Begin Hurricane Katrina Assistance



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